

## Soviet Foreign Ministry Protests Publication of Penkovsky Papers

The Soviet Foreign Ministry yesterday called in Stephen S. Rosenfeld, Moscow correspondent of The Washington Post, and protested this newspaper's publication of the Penkovsky Papers.

F. M. Simonov, deputy head of the Ministry's press department, read the following statement to Rosenfeld:

"The Washington Post began on 31 October the publication of so-called Penkovsky Papers. The claimed author is allegedly Penkovsky, who was condemned for espionage and high treason in 1963 for American and British intelligence services.

"The papers are a falsified story, a mixture of anti-Soviet inventions and slander which are put into the mouth of a demasked spy, provocative claims whose purpose is to denigrate the Soviet Union, poison the international atmosphere, and make difficult

a search for ways to improve relations between states.

"Publication of the Penkovsky Papers cannot be understood otherwise than as an intentional act in the spirit of the worst traditions of the cold war, which cannot but inflict damage on Soviet-American relations.

"The press department of the Foreign Ministry is authorized to invite the attention of the editorial board of The Washington Post to the provocative character of this publication. It is clear that responsibility for this is shared by anybody who has anything to do with the publication of the Penkovsky Papers.

"We expect that measures will be taken so that no articles and materials of such kind will be published in The Washington Post in the future."

In answer to a question, Simonov added:

"We shall pay attention not

only to the continued publication (of the Penkovsky Papers) but to comments and articles in connection with it. We do not want to foretell events, but if publication continues we reserve the right for ourselves to take necessary measures."

The Washington Post on Oct. 31 commenced publication of a syndicated version of "The Penkovsky Papers" distributed by Publishers Syndicate (The New York Herald Tribune-Chicago Sun Times). The final installment will appear as scheduled on Monday, Nov. 15.

The excerpts from the papers have created much controversy among Soviet experts. The papers have been credited by Edward Crankshaw, writer on Soviet affairs for the London Observer, as being the authentic narrative and comment of one of the West's major intelligence sources. They are criticized for defects in translation and attacked as part forgery by Victor Zorza of the Manchester Guardian.

The first article of Zorza's critique of the papers will be printed in The Washington Post on Monday, as previously scheduled, and the second article on Tuesday.

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